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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
September 19, 2023, 6:00 PM**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor
Joe Nix, Councilmember
Kenneth C. Mount, Councilmember
Hazel Griffin, Councilmember
Presley Boswell, Councilmember
Terry Powell, Councilmember
Mark Christensen, City Attorney

ABSENT:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor
Joe Nix, Councilmember
Kenneth C. Mount, Councilmember
Hazel Griffin, Councilmember
Presley Boswell, Councilmember
Terry Powell, Councilmember
Mark Christensen, City Attorney

ABSENT:

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Mayor Johnson led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on September 5, 2023. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MAYOR PRESENTS ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03, TRANSFERRING INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA FOR THE SPEC BUILDING PROJECT:

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2023-03, transferring Industrial Park Property to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia for the spec building project.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 03

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to improve the quality of life for all of its citizens and the residents of surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to encourage economic development in the City of Andalusia and to encourage responsible development that will lead to benefits that will serve valid and sufficient public purposes including, but not limited to, expansion and enhancement of the City's economic and tax base, thereby providing additional revenues for schools, municipal services, and other public needs, and increased employment opportunities with the City, promotion of the City as a center for retail and commercial activity; and provision of additional goods and services to the residents of Andalusia and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia was created to hold title to property for the purposes of industrial development, and it is proper for said Board to hold title to the property in the Andalusia Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously approved Resolution 2023-27 for the

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construction of a speculative building project in the Andalusia Industrial Park, and it will be necessary for the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia to hold title to the property for said speculative building project and for future development projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, finds that the transfer of title will promote the purposes set forth above and that it will be necessary for the property described below, which is currently held in the name of the City of Andalusia in the Andalusia Industrial Park to be titled in the name of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia, Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, as follows:

1. It is hereby established and declared the following described real property of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to wit:

The Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), less and except 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres in the Southwest Corner sold and conveyed by J.M. Ganus to O'Neal, Law, and Company; the Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), all in Section 4, Township 4, Range 16, containing 78 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon.

AND ALSO Commencing where the South line of the North Half of Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 16 East, intersects the East right of way line of County Highway 33 and runs North 8855' East along the South line of North Half of Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 16 East for a distance of 41.9 feet to the West line of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 16 East and the point of beginning. Thence run North along the West line of said forty for a distance of 340 feet to the centerline of an old road, thence run South 30 $^{\circ}$ 49' East along the centerline of old road for a distance of 400 feet to the South line of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 16 East; thence run South 8855' West along the South line of said forty for a distance of 218.1 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel of land lying in and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 16 East, and containing 0.8 acres, more or less.

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AND ALSO all that portion of the following described real estate which lies East of the Old Andalusia and Heath public road, which said public road runs by the Sutton Place, to-wit: The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4, Township 4, Range 16, Covington County, Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT 1.3 acres owned by John W. Little and Margaret Little, and described in the deed recorded in Book 2017, Page 5387 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Covington County, Alabama.

2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2023.

EARL V. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOHN M. THOMPSON, CITY CLERK AND TREASURER

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-03. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-56, FY 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-56, FY 2024 Budget for The City of Andalusia.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
RESOLUTION 2023-56**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that the following budget be adopted:

**FY 2024 Budget
City of Andalusia Funds**

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Total Revenues and Cash from all Sources	\$ 27,070,500
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 26,233,597
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ -0-
Contingency	\$ 250,000
Capital Improvement	\$ 586,903
Difference in Revenues and Expenditures	\$ -0-
Special Funds	
Total Revenues and Cash from all Sources	\$ 503,640
Total Expenditures	\$ 503,640
Difference in Revenues and Expenditures	\$ -0-

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following guidelines be adopted and implemented in accordance with budget expenditures made under the authority of this budget for FY 2024:

- 1) No vacant positions, including temporary, will be filled without approval of the Mayor.
- 2) Department Heads will approve overtime only when necessary.
- 3) The Treasurer is authorized and directed to pay all expenditures during the 2024 fiscal year.
- 4) Departmental expenditures must not exceed those authorized by this budget.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of September 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Councilmember Mount moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-56. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-57, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE INTERVIEW ROOM EQUIPMENT:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-57, authorizing the acquisition of police interview room equipment.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-57

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF
POLICE INTERVIEW ROOM EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Treasury has issued the final rule to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has received such funds for qualified projects, and some of such funds remain that have not been expended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, finds that the City will benefit from the acquisition of the cameras, microphones, other supporting devices, software, services, and warranties shown on the attached list to equip the Police Department interview room; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the needed equipment, software, services, and warranties will not need to be bid out because they are available through Axon Enterprises, Inc., a vendor on Sourcewell, a governmental purchasing cooperative that has been approved by the Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts, and the Council also finds that the equipment is not on the State Bid List or that the price on the State Bid List is higher; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that this purchase will qualify as part of

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the standard allowance for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction of the City's general revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency as provided by the Secretary of the Treasury's final rule, 31 Code of Federal Regulations § 35.6(d)(1);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that an expenditure of \$32,113.49 to equip the Police Department interview room as shown on the attached quote from Axon Enterprises, Inc. is approved and that to the extent possible, payment of such amount shall be taken from the funds made available by the American Rescue Plan Act.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-57. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES THE ANIMAL SHELTER AGREEMENT WITH COVINGTON COUNTY:

Mayor Johnson presented the Animal Shelter Agreement with Covington County. Councilmember Boswell moved to approve the agreement. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL INMATE HOUSING:

Mayor Johnson presented an inmate housing agreement by and between the Covington County Commission, the Sheriff of Covington County, and the City of Andalusia. Councilmember Powell moved to approve the contract and to authorize the mayor to sign it. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL APPROVES HR2023-003, POLICE DEPARTMENT STRENGTH PLAN AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Johnson presented HR2023-003, Police Department Strength Plan Amendments. Councilmember Griffin moved to approve HR2023-003. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mayor Johnson called the meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer